Chapter 3

YEAH
I THINK WE'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE SO YOU TWO SHOULD GO HOME FIRST
EH?
Library committee member?
WE'RE NOT LEAVING TOGETHER?
KANAE-CHAN WILL BE WAITING FOR US AT NAKASHIMA
CAN YOU LET HER KNOW?
Ah
I'm going to be alone with Kanae-chan?!

What should I do?
The setting sun
Is so dazzling.
I hope I won't space out like last time...
Sigh...

Also...
After that day-
Everything went back to normal, as if nothing had happened.
OOH, THAT'S A NICE FRAGRANCE!
I SWITCHED TO A COCONUT INFUSED ONE.
MY SHAMPOO, RIGHT?
I'll head home after shopping...

Is it because my heart was shaken?
Over something that I had kept myself from thinking about?
So...
Have I annoyed her?
SIGH
...
AH!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
OH... IT'S OKAY.

She doesn't have lip gloss on today either!
Could it be she doesn't wear lip gloss when she goes to school?
THEY...
UHM..
WHERE ARE TOMOMI AND ETSUKO?
Oh..
It's really true...
BA-DUMP
EH?
THEY TOLD US TO GO FIRST BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO LEAVE UNTIL MUCH LATER.
ARE BOTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS
I wanted to see her with it on...

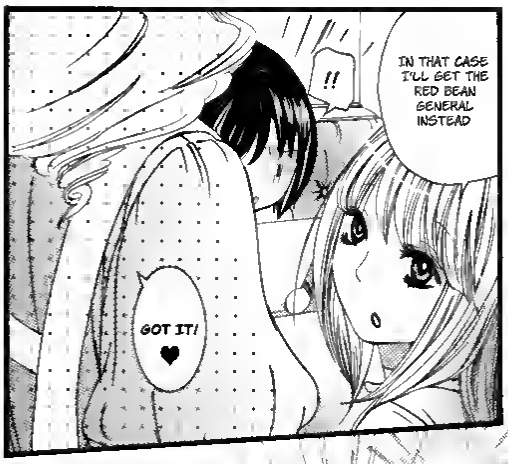
Huh? Um... Ummm... The one that we agreed to all visit together, right?
IT OPENED RECENTLY AND I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GO
I HEARD THE STORE BY THE STATION IS NOT A CAFE BUT A SWEETS SHOP
MMHM
Am I the only one...
...that's not allowed?
THAT'S TOO BAD..
I AGREE!
...
I REALLY WANT TO GO

AH! CHIZURU-CHAN—
WHY DON'T WE GO FIRST?
EH?!
WON'T TOMOMI GET MAD?
It'll be a secret!
Okay?
Just us! ♥
—AH
MMHM!
I'm ecstatic!

Nothing to worry about...
Nothing to worry about.
HMM?
OH, I'M JUST THINKING—
If this goes well...
YES.
This is it.
ABOUT HOW BEAUTIFUL THE SUN IS

MMHM.
Before you notice my feelings...
The one-
IT'S VERY BLINDING, THOUGH!
That's blinding-
Is you, Kanae-chan.

What should I do...

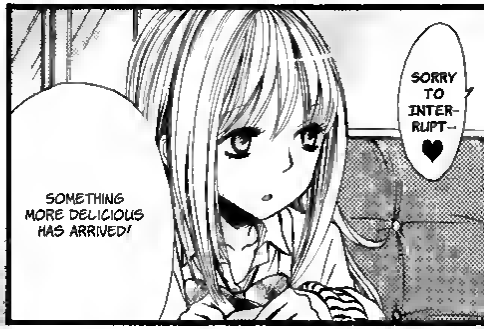


So...
I have to control these impulses when I'm with Kanae!
LET'S USE THIS OPPORTUNITY..

OH?
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE BEFORE?
I CAN'T USE MY EYE DROPS IF I HAVE CONTACTS IN
...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WEAR CONTACTS.
...
EVEN WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR CONTACTS OUT, YOUR IRIS REMAINS GRAY.
EH?
HAHA!
THESE AREN'T COLORED CONTACTS THEY'RE THE REGULAR ONES FOR NEARSIGHTEDNESS

THE COLORED ONES MAKE MY EYES STAND OUT EVEN MORE...
I REMEMBER THIS BOX HAS -
SEE? IT'S BROWN NOW
WOW...
Her orange colored eyes-
IT'S PRETTY
LOOKS KIND OF ORANGE...
Dazzle like the brilliant sun.
DOES IT GIVE YOUR VISION AN ORANGE TINT?
HAHA.
IT'S TOO BAD IT DOESN'T
IF IT WERE LIKE THAT, I MIGHT NEVER TAKE THEM OUT

I wanted to look at it some more.
Oh, she's taking it off
HM. WELL, IT WOULD BE TOO NOTICEABLE ANYWAY
It has been on Kanae's eye-
The sunset lens...
BA-DUM
GULP
LOOKS TASTY...



I did say it.

That's why it's so silent.

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